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APPLICANTS : Shimkets et al.

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EXAMINER : M. Moran

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AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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**RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 7, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action, mailed October 7, 2002, in the above-identified application. Applicants enclose herewith a Petition for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and a \$465.00 check as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). With this extension of time, the present Amendment and Response is due on or before April 7, 2003. Applicants also enclose herewith a Notice of Appeal and a \$160.00 check for the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

The applicant in the above-identified application is now a small entity, and is therefore entitled claim status as a small entity. Although Applicants believe no additional fees are due with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Ref. No. 15966-534C CIP1.

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

***In the Specification:***

Please replace the priority information on page 1 with the following:

-- This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. 09/442,849, filed November 17, 1999, which claims priority to U.S.S.N. 09/442,129 and U.S.S.N. 09/443,199, both filed

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